

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CORRECTED SUMMARY OF MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Scott Graham from Real Life Church of Kankakee and go on to the pledge of allegiance by Bishop McNamara Catholic School Hip-Hop Dance Team.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BILL YONKA:

Thank you all, it is good to be back. I live in the 2nd Ward in the Riverview Historical District. I worked for the City of Kankakee for over 10 years and I now work for School District 111. I am committed to Kankakee. I am not a huge fan of things in the current Administration but I am a fan of the Bike Plan. It is a great plan. Critics will say its only 3 blocks but the lights on those blocks caught the attention of the people. When you redo something you want to make it ready for the future. A lot of people in our community depend on bikes to get around. I want to put the message out. It is not just a commitment to these 3 blocks. In 2015, we committed to make Schuyler Avenue a highlight but there is no bike lane. We want it to be safer and it would be safer if there were bike lanes there. It will be safer and accessible for all.

TERRANCE HOOPER:

I want to thank the City Council and the Mayor for the opportunity for public comments tonight. I want to talk about the Schuyler Street Scape and the Bike Lanes. Sadly, the only headlines that made the media have been negative. So, tonight I want to give another view. I am the owner of Grapes & Hops, a home owner in Kankakee, I bought the Majestic and now I am the owner of the entire Majestic Center housing 15 businesses. I want to make it clear tonight that I support both the Schuyler Street Scape and the Bike Lanes as proposed. I am 100% in support of this vision. Those that are opposed or worried about change, I encourage to cease the opportunity.

STACI WILKEN:

I am the Executive Director of the Kankakee County Convention Business Bureau and partner in community

with Bike 609. As your partner, we commit to facilitating opportunity...development and education. The Schuyler Street Scape project has been one of the most exciting things for me to be a part of. It provides my team to market and develop the absolute best destination experience that will enhance the community, economic growth and quality of life. The downtown businesses and Farmers Market will benefit. Bike riding is a part of the culture in Kankakee. I was asked to do a presentation in Elgin, IL on how we made a successful Bike Share program and if they are asking me of Kankakee County how we can make this happen, it speaks to the future thinking that we are all doing today. Streets should accommodate all users. The heart of Kankakee is Schuyler Avenue.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Roll Call of City Council.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
ABSENT: Osenga
(13) Present (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Hunt, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Newton, Piggush, Nelson, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson, Koehler.
Thank you.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to the minutes for February 4th, 2019 motion to approve.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any edits? Hearing none...all in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Minutes are approved. There are no petitions. We will go on to Communications Item 8A.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A:

Presentation by the Kankakee Police Department –
Introduction of New Patrolman Craig Zelhart.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We like to do this in this Administration. When we get a new member of the Police Department to make sure the City Council is aware of who this person is, introduce them and welcome them to the community.

DEPUTY CHIEF HUNT:

I would like to introduce Craig Zelhart. He comes with 6 years of experience from Oak Forest. He is a U.S. Veteran and he has his Associates Degree and he is well trained. He is an excellent addition to the Police Department.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 8B.

ITEM 8B:

Presentation by Teska Associates Regarding the Outreach and Construction Schedule On the Schuyler Avenue Street Scape Project.

JODI MARIANO:

Landscape Architect: Highlighting the following...
Project Scope

- Promoting a vibrant downtown
- Improving quality & Condition
- Accommodating Bike Access
- Promoting Dining Cafes

Public Outreach

- City Website and Social Media
- Steering Committee
- Farmer's Market
- Poll Surveys
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Public Marketing
- City Council
- Posters
- Access Chanel 4

Bike Lanes

- Bike Plan Standards
- Parking Tabulation over 1000 parking lots (945 are city owned parking lots)

The Street scape will meet the Accessibility Code and the String lights will across the street and we will add limestone bench planters and recycle receptacles. The next

step is construction. Construction Coordinating Meeting dates at the Depot will be March 14th, April 18th, May 16th and June 13th with completion in July 2019. It will start South to North. Construction is scheduled to begin March 1st. Frank Koehler is the contact person.

ALD KENNEDY: How inclusive will the accessibility be for Seniors?

JODI MARIANO: The accessibility will be handicap accessible...

MAYOR WELL-ARMSTRONG: Any other questions? Jodi, thank you. We have done a lot of outreach on this project. It's our job to make sure what's going on. We should be the biggest ambassadors and cheerleaders in Kankakee. I met with KDC president, Alderman Chris Curtis to get feedback from the downtown business owners to be helpful. Alderpersons please communicate with your wards.

ITEM 8C: Kimberly Pedersen is Requesting A Street Closure of the 900 Block of Cobb Boulevard between East Duane Boulevard and East Emory Street to Host the "DePaul University Film Production "Bystanders" on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 3:00 P.M. until 11:30 P.M. with a Rain Date on Sunday, March 10, 2019.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve?

ALD O'BRIEN: So move.

ALD BARON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderman Baron. Any discussion?

ALD BROWN: 11:00 or 11:30?

CLERK DUMAS: It's actually midnight on the weekends.

ALD BROWN: Thank you.

ALD O'BRIEN: (inaudible)...reads letter in the absence of Kimberly Pedersen...thankful for consideration.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All in favor?

COUNCIL:

Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed? Motion carries. Moving onto Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A:

Community Development: Alderman O'Brien
Met on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2018. We have the Minutes in the packet. The focus was the feasibility study for the potential of the City of Kankakee Land bank as it relates to the grant and updates on the staff and activities.

ITEM 9B:

Met on Monday, January 7th, 2019 and the Minutes also in packet. Discussion continued on the feasibility study from prior meeting.

ITEM 9C:

Public Safety: Alderman Brown
Met on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019. The bills were approved for the Fire Department. The highlights were the tools and equipment. OT was high for the year but most of them are back on duty (inaudible). On the Police side, the bills were approved and highlights include vehicle maintenance repairs. OT was due to the injured staff. In regards to the Ordinance pertaining to snow and parking, I want to thank Officer Ramaindo for knocking on doors to get residents to move their cars. We will further discuss possibility of fines and how to better notify residents. The NAACP Presentation by Theodis Pace and the County Crises Team. It took 3-5 years to do this...getting both sides to come together and meet with the Chief of Police. This is the first time the NAACP and Law Enforcement has come together to form a relationship at the State and local level. We would like to bring that to the Council in April...(inaudible)... Bradley and Bourbonais...

ITEM 9D:

Budget: Alderman Baron
Met on Monday, February 11th, 2019. As of January 31st, 2019 we are 9 months into the fiscal year at the 75% point. In regards to revenue, if we include the additional sales tax, we have received 84.3% of our budgeted amount. In regards to expenditures we have spent 78.1% and this includes all of our pension payments for the year. The bond rating was reviewed and there may be action taken in the next 90 days...no action just a heads up.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 10A Report of Officers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

ALD FAFORD: I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$359,152.31

ALD TALL: Second the motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion?

ALD CRAWFORD: What is check # 74539 and 74486?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Check # 74539 is for February Services and Check #74486 is for January Services.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron (Abstain on Check #74527 and #2870), Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien (Abstain on Check #74509), Gall (Abstain on Check #74527 and #2870), Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries. We will skip to Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Resolution 2019-04 In Remembrance of Bert Dear Sr. the Father of Bert Dear Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Environmental Services Utility-Department of Public Works.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the resolution?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

ALD KENNEDY: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. All in favor...

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The resolution is approved. Moving onto Item 13B.

ITEM 13B: Resolution 2019-05 Honoring the Bishop McNamara Catholic School on their Successful 2019 Illinois Dance Team Association Hip Hop State Championship.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the resolution?

ALD OBRIEN: I so move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderman Crawford.
All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? Resolution is approved (sign presented to dance team). Moving onto Item 13C.

ITEM 13C: Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program.

NEIL PIGGUSH: The City has to pass the resolution to formally accept the agreement. The goal is to have it up and running by April 1st

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve?

ALD KENNEDY: I so move.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Kennedy and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Discussion?

ALD BARON: I would like to thank Neil Piggush or his participation and heroic efforts in getting this grant of 3.6 million.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign...resolution accepted. Moving on to Item 13D.

ITEM 13D: Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application as part of the "Illinois Count Me In 2020 Initiative".

FRANK KOEHLER: Providing funding...2010 there was only a 67 percent participation rate. Constituents lack access to computers. We need to get those involved. An inaccurate account creates a loss for the City. The City needs a 501C3 to partner with and the Key City Housing Coordination agreed to partner with the City. The deadline is February 28th. The Consensus Coordinator to establish a Task Force and Working with the Public Library for access.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve?

ALD TETTER: So move Mayor.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Discussion?

ALD O'BRIEN: How do we know 33 percent of the residents did not participate?

FRANK KOHLER: There is data and a website. About 8300 residents... based on household count.

ALD CURTIS: What's the 501c corporation?

FRANK KOHLER: The Key City Corporation a newly organized 501C3...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13E.

ITEM 13E: Resolution Authoring Intervention in the Pending Assessment Appeal of the Space Center Chicago, INC., Docket NO. 2017-00288...Notifying us of the...

MIKE MCGRATH: This is done annually. It is a tax appeal...the tax goes to the City...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion to accept the resolution?

ALD TETTER: So move Mayor.

ALD BROWN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
ABSTENTIONS: Curtis
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving onto New Business. If there are no objections I would like to combine Items 12A and 12B.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A & 12B: Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled Handicapped Parking of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Handicapped Parking Signs Established at 757 East Willow and 1786 West Station Street.
(1st & 2nd Reading).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD CRAWFORD: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

ALD CRAWFORD: I so move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

ITEM 12C: Ordinance Authorizing the Rezoning of a Property Commonly Known as 355 South Wall Street from C1 Neighborhood Commercial to R1 Single Family Residential in the City of Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).

MIKE HOFFMAN: Robert D'Olivera's single family home was bought as a single family home. Requesting for zoning to change from an C1 to a R1. There were no comments at the Public Hearing on February 12th.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of this ordinance?

ALD CRAWFORD: I so move.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

ALD CRAWFORD: So move.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12D.

ITEM 12D: Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus of the City of Kankakee-Kankakee Police Department and Authorizing the Sale Thereof (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

DEPUTY CHIEF HUNT: The property is a 2000 Dodge Challenger that was totaled.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12E.

ITEM 12E: Memorandum of Understanding and Expenditure of the 10 percent Matching Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award for Radio Communication Equipment for the Fire Department.

CHIEF SCHULDT: KanCom has a major upgrade from Analog. Everyone will have to upgrade radios. This is the FEMA Grant and it will cover 17 departments in the County. The 60 units will cost \$42,006.56 and we will need a lead agency to administer the Grant and Manteno accepted this memo to move forward.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD KENNEDY: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. Discussion?

ALD CURTIS: Will this be paid out of general operating or capital?

CHIEF SCHULDT: It will come out of capital. The grant covers \$3,100.00 and we will pay \$900.00 out of capital.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12F.

ITEM 12F: Recommendation to accept the Agency Agreement between Inspired Strategies (Olivet Nazarene University).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: ONU partnered with us and allows Olivet to work with the

City. A team of 4 will support communication efforts, holding them accountable...May 2019 and ongoing. May I have a motion to accept the agreement?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD BARON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Baron. Discussion?

ALD O'BRIEN: Do they envision a new agreement every academic year?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Thank you to Mike Hoffman and Loretto Calloway for their efforts. We have no appointments but we will need to go into Executive Session. May I have a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I make a motion to go into Executive Session.

ALD GALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and seconded by Alderwoman Gall. We are now in Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to return to open session?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD O'BRIEN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and seconded by Alderman O'Brien. We are now back in Open Session. No action resulting from Executive Session. Moving onto Alderman Comments.

ALDERMAN COMMENTS

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN: *(None)*

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I have a few comments. We received lots of FOIA's this year and we have started tracking them and posting outside Council.

MIKE MCGRATH: We have done this in other communities. There is no way to budget for this. This may help to see what's been FOIA but if they want copies they will have to FOIA.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: ESU have done an aggressive outreach to homes regarding recycling and a 2nd audit will take place this summer. In regards to the Police Chief, all questions need to be sent to the Mayor and Human Resource Director. Thanks to Officer Ramaindo for taking a little boy to school during the cold weather. United Way Campaign is on the way. Odelson & Sterk donated Cubs tickets for United Way incentive. Names will go in a drawing. Contact Tammy or Jeff Bruno. There is a new business in the 5th Ward at 639 North Entrance. We will hear from the National League of Cities this week. I will attend the Governor's address tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to adjourn?

ALD KENNEDY: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Kennedy. Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. All in favor aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.